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12.19.2007 | Education, Campus and Community This winter, area senior citizens can take educational seminars on topics ranging from Irish history to beginning knitting at the University of Dayton's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

Taught by retirees for retirees, the institute will offer its winter 2008 program from Jan. 14 through Feb. 25. Participants can take as many courses as they like for a flat rate of \$80. Registration closes Friday, Jan. 28. Classes meet once per week for two hours.

Topics include: Problematic Church Issues; Middle East Terrorism: From Black September to September 11; Irish History and Mythology; Dayton International Peace Museum; 7 Times 70: The Call To Forgiveness; Pilates; Introduction to Russian; Introduction to Computers; and many more. More than 35 seminars will be offered.

Most seminars are held at the McGinnis Center in the south student neighborhood, while some are held on the UD main campus. A shuttle service from parking lot T to the McGinnis Center or campus is offered for participants.

Participation in UD's Lifelong Learning Institute has more than tripled since March 1994, when UD piloted the peer-run program. The program is not a typical college offering, as there are no exams, grades or even required attendance. In fact, the only requirement is that participants are 50 or older or the spouse of a member. The institute welcomes those whose formal education ended early in life, as well as those with advanced degrees.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Dayton is directed by Special Programs and Continuing Education in the College of Arts and Sciences. All seminar moderators and institute board members are volunteers.

Gina Newlin at Gina.Newlin@notes.udayton.edu or 937-229-2605. Gina can provide you with a program brochure, information about moderating a seminar or volunteering.